

HELP! MY CHILD IS IN DANGER OF FAILING... WHAT CAN I DO?



1. CONTACT THE TEACHER(S)

Let the teacher know you are concerned. Schedule a conference to make a plan of how the grades can be improved (your child should be at the conference.) Keep in regular contact with the teacher to get a report on progress. Follow through at home with what the teachers says to do.

2. UTILIZE THE RESOURCES AT SCHOOL

Call the school office to find out the tutoring times and subjects. Contact the tutoring teachers and ask them to talk to the teacher whose class your child is failing, to find out the areas where your child needs the most help. Look into after-school clubs and other enrichment opportunities at school.

3. SET UP A DAILY HOMEWORK TIME AND STICK TO IT

Let your child know there will be a time set aside every day, Monday-Thursday, for homework or review. Enforce this time every day. Check the school assignment planner. If your child says there is no homework, look at the planner. Insist on review and reading time anyway.

4. INSIST THAT YOUR CHILD READ AT HOME EVERY DAY.

Research shows reading at home for about 30 minutes every day increases reading skills. Good reading skills are needed for success in every school subject. Sitting down with your child during the reading time will help establish the read at home routine, especially if you show interest in what she or he is reading. (Ask about the book or magazine.)



5. HELP IS AVAILABLE IF YOU SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

The school district has a responsibility to arrange for translation for a parent-teacher conference. Also there may be parent volunteers available through the school to help translate.

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